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CHINESE ENTERTAIN COSMOPOLITAN CLUB

The Professors Excel In Their Knowledge Of Chinese Questions

The eight Chinese members of the Cosmopolitan Club gave an entertainment last night at the Club rooms, 480 Boylston Street. The rooms were tastefully decorated with Chinese banners and tapestries. There were thirty-six members of the society in the audience. The program follows:

1. Introductory Speech—"Chinese intercourse with the West," Y. T. Tsai 1910
2. "Old Educational Systems of China," H. T. Shen 1909
3. Chinese Music T. C. Seetoo 1912 and F. T. Yeh 1913
4. Lantern Slides—"Glimpses of China" Y. T. Tsai 1910
5. Stories, S. Y. Chen 1912
6. Chinese Phonograph Records.
7. Prizes awarded for answer to questions: "What is the total area of China in square miles? How long is the Great Wall? What was the birth-day date of Confucius?

Prizes were won by Professor H. L. Seaver, Prof. Horvgaard, Prof. C. W. Doten, Mr. Sydney Gunn, D. P. Gaillard and E. M. Sears.

8. Chinese Refreshments.

The correct answers to the questions asked are as follows: The area of China is 4,376,400 square miles. Confucius was born 590 B. C. The Great Wall is 1690 miles long. The prizes were dainty and appropriate Chinese ornaments.

The meeting closed with an M. I. T. cheer for China, followed by a cheer in Chinese for the Cosmopolitan Club.

CATSKILL EXCURSION

On Friday evening, April 15, a party of 31 geologists met at Catskill, N. Y. to study the paleontologic, structural and physiographic geology of the surrounding area. The party consisted of representatives from Tech, Harvard, Yale, Columbia, Rutgers and St. Lawrence. Tech was represented by Professors H. W. Shimer, J. A. Allan, N. L. Bowen and S. J. Schofield of the Geological Department, G. E. Goodspeed Jr., R. L. Bartlett and R. E. Anderson of Course III.

On April 16 a structural section was made from the Hudson River through the folded rocks to a point about four miles west. On April 17, a similar section was made ten miles to the south from the Hudson River through West Camp, Great Falls, to the summit of Catskill mountains. In these two sections a study was made of the folds which included both anticlines and synclines, both symmetrical and asymmetrical, and an excellent transverse section through an overturned anticline. The fossils in most of these strata were quite abundant, thus enabling a more rapid and exact working out of these folds. In the topography these folds exist both in anticlinal valleys, synclinal ridges and the reverse. These folds, which have an approximate north-south trend, are most intense in the east of these sections and gradually flatten out towards the west becoming free from folds after crossing the Hamilton ridge. This ridge lies about half way between the Hudson River and the eastern base of the Catskill mountains, and is formed of the outcropping edges of the thicker sandstone beds, all beds here having a gentle westerly dip. The sections in-

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WENTWORTH ISSUES CALL FOR TENNIS CANDIDATES

Outlook Is Good For Fine Team This Year—Many Old Men Back

Spring tennis practice has started in earnest. President F. W. Covill 1911 of the Tennis Club has issued the call for candidates to report either to him or to Captain P. M. Wentworth 1910 by leaving word at the Cage. At Tech Field the courts are in good condition and men may practice there at any time without cost. Jarvis Field in Cambridge is also in constant use and is available for Tech men at the low cost of twenty cents per court per hour. The Y. M. C. A. courts on Trinity Place are conveniently near and are open to members of the Boston Christian Association.

Entries for the tournament must be handed in before Tuesday, April 26th. The results of the tournament will decide the ranking of the men and this ranking will determine the men who are to represent Technology in the dual meets and in the New England Inter-collegiate match the last of May.

Duel meets will probably be arranged with Amherst, Williams, Harvard, Dartmouth and Wesleyan. The team should have a very good season since many of the old men are in the game again this year. T. B. Parker 1911, P. M. Wentworth 1910, F. W. Covill 1911 and M. K. Sweet 1911, the best of last year's men are hard at work already. A. Harkness 1911, a member of Brown's team last year, is now at the Institute and is out for the Tech team. A number of other men here who stood among the first ten have good chances this year.

On the tennis bulletin board in Rogers' candidates will find detailed information and notices regarding the standing of the men. There is a good chance for men to make their letters or tennis insignia in the single tournaments or dual meets. Practice is held every fine day on the Y. M. C. A. courts.

SHAKESPEARE'S BIRTHDAY

In commemoration of the anniversary of William Shakespeare's birth, a special celebration is being held at the Schubert Theatre today under the auspices of the New Theatre Company from the New Theatre, N. Y.

At today's matinee performance Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night" with Miss Annie Russell in the leading role will be presented. At the evening performance a distinct novelty will be presented in the form of a performance of "The Winter's Tale" in the true Elizabethan style.

Boston, April 23.—Atty.-Gen. Malone, in a message to the Legislature yesterday, declares the Turtle bill to exempt the bonds of the Boston Railroad Holding Company from taxation is unconstitutional. Immediately after the opinion had been read in the House a special message was received from Gov. Draper in which he urged that some legislation be adopted to free the securities of the holding company from double taxation. Upon receipt of the attorney-general's opinion the House, on motion of Representative Washburn, voted against suspending the rules to admit the measure.

He suggested that the legislation take the form of authority on the part of the holding company to issue securities, like preferred stock, the interest from which would be "free from double taxation."

APPRECIATION OF MARK TWAIN BY PROF. SEAVER

Death Of Great Humorist Is Loss To Europeans As Well As Americans

Allusion to Mark Twain or quotation from his shrewd and comical sayings brings so commonly from Technology fellows an appreciative smile that a word about him may not be superfluous now that a saddened close has ended his long and laborious life. Among Americans few, I think, especially of the Mississippi Valley or the West, can remain untouched by his death. Particularly American, too, as much of his comically extravagant humor seems, he attained fame in Europe; and the honorary degree of Oxford—most aristocratic and conservative of English universities, was bestowed, in his white-haired age, upon this Missourian who in youth was a down-river printer's devil, and Mississippi pilot and a '49'er.

He spent his early life in the varied scene, and in many capacities, on the Mississippi, and in the West while it was still frontier. A roving temperament drove him from type-setting and piloting to gold-mining and miscellaneous journalism, of all which he made random and unpretentious record in newspaper and magazine essays and in books. Much of the crudity of such life, frequently its downright vulgarity, almost always its carelessness and indifference, are reflected, often unpleasantly, in these early books; but the rough vivacity and keen, panoramic observation of "Life on the Mississippi" and "Roughing It" give them the value that attaches to all true pictures of real life, and make them the most striking historical record of a phase, already past, of that society which Emerson called "this great, intelligent, sensual, avaricious America," and yet loved.

In middle life Mark Twain wrote "Tom Sawyer," the story which first showed his insight into the mind and ways of an American village youngster, and at fifty "Huckleberry Finn," the best, probably, of his stories—a book which, though depicting the life of a waif on the river in slave days, has appealed, despite any sordidness, to many greater men of letters, even of fastidious type, as a marvellous story, not merely of vagrant adventure, but also of unsophisticated boyhood and its dealings with its own conscience.

One's amusement from the extravagant fun of the books of travel such as "Innocents Abroad," which first attracted attention to Mark Twain as an American humorist, is likely to cease after some readings, though the mirth of "The Awful German Language" survives one's earlier struggles with that tongue. The humor of the later books has been terribly forced. But readers who have once enjoyed nigger Jim and have felt the fascination of the "little Odyssey" of the Mississippi, return often thankfully to its unfailing freshness and sympathetic truthfulness to boy life.

SOPHS PLAY WINCHESTER

Today the Sophs are to play Winchester at Winchester. The men will meet in the Union at 1.30. In addition to the men who played against Newton, Stone, Sloan and Pruyne are asked to report.

Winchester appears to have a trifle the better team, but they were beaten by Medford High a week ago, and 1912 may be able to gain the victory.

TECH FRESHMEN WIN FROM BRIGHTON

Strong Batting By 1913 Aids In Taking Game By A 4-0 Score

The freshman baseball team defeated Brighton High School yesterday in a six-inning game by a score of 4 to 0. The features of the game were the batting of Severance, a long three-bagger by Eastman, and backward running catch by Elwell. Both teams played consistently but 1913 was stronger at the bat, securing seven hits to Brighton's four—two of Brighton's hits being fakes.

Two runs came in the first inning and two in the sixth. Crocker led off with a two-bagger, stole second, and came home on an error by MacDonald. Elwell struck out and Severance got a single but was caught later stealing 3d. Eastman banged out a triple and came home on MacKinnon's single. The other two in the sixth were secured on a hit by Severance, MacKinnon being hit by a pitched ball and a combination of stolen bases and errors.

Hartford pitched a steady game.

The summary:

TECH 1913.	ab	h	r	po	a	e
Crocker 2b	4	1	1	2	0	0
Elwell 3b	3	0	0	2	2	0
Severance 1b	3	1	1	3	0	0
Eastman c	3	1	1	11	2	1
MacKinnon ss	2	1	1	0	0	0
Murdock cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Weller lf	3	1	0	0	0	0
Alden rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hartford p	2	0	0	0	2	0
Totals	25	7	4	18	6	1

BRIGHTON HIGH.	ab	h	r	po	a	e
Tilton cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
MacDonald c	3	1	0	11	0	1
Carrol ss	3	1	0	1	1	1
O'Regan p	2	1	0	0	1	0
Faherty 3b	2	0	0	1	1	2
Spellman 1b	3	0	0	4	0	0
Donovan lf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Murphy 2b	2	1	0	1	0	0
Genter rf	2	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	2.	4	0	18	3	4

Two-base hits—Crocker. Three-base hits—Eastman. Double play—Elwell and Severance. Bases on balls—by O'Regan 2, by Hartford 2. Hit by pitched balls—Genter, MacKinnon. Passed balls—MacDonald 2. Struck out—by O'Regan 10, by Hartford 10. Umpire—H. Woodlock.

CALENDAR

Saturday, April 23.
1.30 P. M.—1912 Baseball Team meets in Union for Winchester game.

2.30 P. M.—Spring Inter-Class Meet at Field.

Tuesday, April 26.
4.15 P. M.—Civil Eng. Society in Room 6, Lowell.

7.00 P. M.—1912 Technique Electoral Committee in Union.

Wednesday, April 27.
6.00 P. M.—Technology Christian Association dinner, annual meeting, and election of officers.

Friday, April 29.
4.00 P. M.—1912 Technique Electoral Committee in Union.
Annual meeting of Architectural Society.

Saturday, April 30.
Tech Show dinner at Union.
6.30 P. M.—Tech Show dinner at Union.

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BOSTON, MASS., APRIL 23, 1910.

Technology's track season will be opened this year by the spring meet, to be held this afternoon at the Field.

Track men are hoping and working for a championship team, one that will defeat Wesleyan on May 7, and head the list of winners at the New England Intercollegiate Meet later on.

Not all men at the Institute can be on the 'varsity track team, but there is no reason why every individual at Tech, with a few exceptions, can't go out and help his classmates, who have enough spirit to keep themselves alive, win the meet this afternoon.

Forget the grind for once, it only costs a quarter, the fresh air will do you good, and even if the meet does bore you, (which it won't) you can figure the radius of curvature of the back stretch, the chances of the hammer punching a hole in the rear fence, or the effect of the femininity in the grandstand on the contestants' efforts. Bring your best girl with you, if possible the second best also, but at any rate, come yourself!

In the death of Samuel L. Clemens, better known to all as Mark Twain, the world of letters has lost a personage whose influence was universal. Well may he be called the Dean of American humor, for in him has American humor reached its present height.

The last years of Mark Twain's life were full of sorrow and anguish, but through them all he maintained his characteristic cheerfulness and dignity. The loss of his wife was a terrible blow to Twain, from which he never

fully recovered. The following epitaph which he had placed on his wife's grave, reveals the tenderness of the man's nature:

Warm summer sun.
Shine kindly here.
Warm southern wind,
Blow softly here.
Green sod above,
Lie light, lie light.
Good night, dear heart,
Good night, good night.

The following glowing tribute was made by President Maclaurin:—"The most original feature of America is its humor. Whether rightly or not, Mark Twain was regarded as the best representative of this trait, it was peculiarly human in its appeal, and Mark Twain was consequently better and more widely known throughout all the world than any other American of his generation."

Mark Twain is no more. But the fame of what he was and the influence of what he did will remain as a pleasant memory for many generations to come.

COMMUNICATION

Editor of The Tech,
Dear Sir:—The varied criticisms of the show which have appeared in two recent issues of The Tech have given some ground for comment.

A feeling of dissatisfaction, common to auditors and participants in the show, has been aroused which should not exist among the students. Tech has no course listed in the catalog primarily intended for the development of actors or authors of musical comedy. For that reason the show cannot expect the praise given the work of accomplished entertainers.

But on the other hand, our men should be accorded in print, the hearty approval of all Tech men as it is extended to them in performances at home and abroad. The men who have been honored as authors, the men who for more than ten weeks have been privileged to devote their time to the production, and the management who have welcomed the increase in their work during the whole school year, have all given freely of their time for the entertainment of their friends.

Shall their work be held up to ridicule in our very midst, while receiving at the same time the generous recognition of the local press?

When our cross-country team by chance loses a run to another college is each individual scored for not making his point, and is the team condemned as a whole? When the track team is defeated in a dual meet do we make sport of our men or throw cold water on the squad? Such a course would be ruinous to athletics.

For this reason alone should not our critics endeavor to review from a more friendly standpoint the show which now has the reputation among colleges of being the best production in the east? It would be well for us all to remember the Tech spirit which has meant so much to the Institute in the past:—each man standing by the other, and each spurring the other on to efforts of greater moment than those attempted before.

SYD. A. MALCOLM '10.

Boston, April 23.—Mayor Fitzgerald yesterday sent to the civil service commission the name of Surveyor McCarthy for the position of fire commissioner at a salary of \$5000 per year.

In making the announcement the mayor made the boast that the appointment will be a big shock to the Lodge interests of the republican party, and he believes McCarthy will make a splendid fire commissioner.

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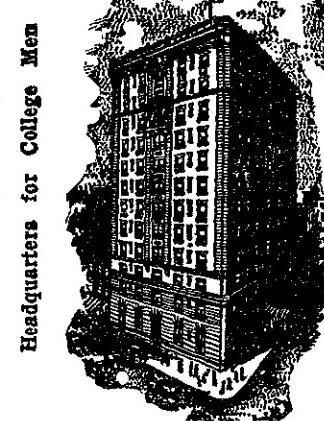
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CUPS FOR TODAY'S MEET

1911 and 1912 will struggle for the interclass meet today, and it looks like a great contest between them, although the other classes will take enough points to keep the final outcome of the meet in doubt. The Sophomores have the advantage in the number of entries, but 1911 excels in varsity men and it must be remembered that this class alone won half of the total points of Technology in the N. E I. A. A. meet last year.

Of particular interest will be the high hurdles, quarter mile, and the mile run, as in these events special cups are awarded to the winner.

The Hurd cup for the 120-yd. hurdles, and the Rockwell cup for the quarter-mile are loving cups similar in design to the ones offered last year; but the Batchelder mile cup, instead of being a silver Stein as last year, is a splendid handsomely engraved trophy, standing over a foot high. These cups are superior to any ever before offered at Tech, and their equal is seldom seen at any athletic meet.

The weather promises to be fair, and everything points to a most successful and exciting contest.

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New York, April 23.—George E. Bedell, who was chief clerk for James F. Vail, former deputy surveyor of the port, and who had charge of the weighing department, was arrested yesterday by U. S. Marshal Henkel on an indictment charging conspiracy to defraud the government out of custom duties on sugar, macaroni, figs, cheese and other imported merchandise.

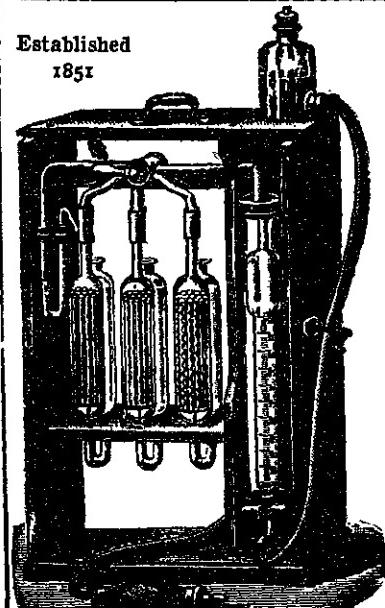
New York, April 22.—Henry Huddleston Rogers, who was credited with building up the Standard Oil's multi-millions, left for his heirs hardly a third of the immense fortune credited to him by Wall street reports.

Instead of the \$100,000,000 which outsiders estimated as a conservative figure for the amount of the Rogers estate, the executors have estimated it at something under \$36,000,000.

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(Continued from page 1) cluded the Hudson River shales at the base of upper Ordovician age, a few uppermost Silurian beds and the entire Devonian series from the marine Helderberg formation below to the fresh water Catskill formation at the top, this last forming the summits of the Catskill mountains. The unconformity between the Hudson River shales and the upper Silurian beds, representing the uppermost Ordovician, lower, middle, and a part of upper Silurian time is here indicated by but a slight change in the dip of the beds.

April 18 and 19 were spent in the Catskill mountains studying the structure of the fresh water Catskill beds and various physiographic features, especially river capture.

During the evenings and the pouring rain of Monday informal talks were given by Professors Shimer of Tech, Davis and Johnson of Harvard, Lewis of Rutgers and Chadwick of St. Lawrence.

Most of the Tech party reached Boston on the morning of the 20th, after having spent a most enjoyable and profitable excursion.

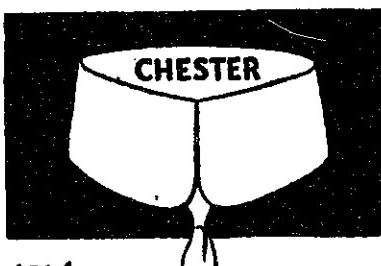
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Mr. S. E. Thompson will speak at the next regular meeting, Tuesday, April 26, 4.15 P. M., in 6 Lowell, on "CONCRETE FAILURES."

Technique 1911 in demand! Total issue will soon be gone! Copies of "Technique 1911" are being held exclusively for those who signed red slips. A considerable waiting list is accumulating, and so the board begins to feel that, to carry out its policy of giving all comers a fair show, it must soon let the waiting-list get at the book. Therefore it has decided to sell books for cash after 4 P. M. Monday, the 26th. Signers of Red Slips should show that they are alive or else those more interested in the year book will get in ahead of them. All red slips are on file and it is expected that all signers will show they are responsible for contracts they put their names to, by redeeming their promises.

Get books at Technique office, Room C, Union, Saturday 8.45-9.00 A. M.; 12.00-2.00 P. M., and on week days from 4 to 5 P. M.

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MUSICAL CLUBS.—All Concert tickets and money should be left at the Cage as soon as possible for W. W. Warner, Manager.

Washington, April 23.—Fair Saturday, light variable winds. While the predicted fair weather will probably last through tomorrow the expected eastward movement of a storm center this morning at St. Louis may result in unsettled conditions again by Sunday.

Steubenville, O., April 23.—Eighteen of a night force of 25 machine men employed in the mine of the Youghiogheny & Ohio Coal Company, near Amsterdam, are thought to be dead as a result of an explosion in the mine late last night.

GENERAL NEWS

TELEGRAPH NEWS OF THE MORNING.

Boston, April 23.—If the plans of the Boston Co-operative Milk Producers' Association do not miscarry, Boston will have a milkless May 1.

It is claimed that the farmers all over New England are being organized, community by community, and as fast as they are organized, are agreeing to withdraw their milk from the Boston market after April 30, when the winter price agreements with the group of contractors who control the milk of New England expire, in order to prevent the reduction usual every summer, and force a retention of the winter rates throughout the whole year.

Birmingham, Ala., April 23.—The work of removing the bodies of the 43 victims of the Mulga mine explosion was pushed with vigor yesterday. Twenty-six bodies have been recovered. Inspector Hillhouse declared today that never in the history of Alabama has such damage been wrought by an explosion in a mine.

Washington, April 23.—The astonishing statement was made by Charles D. Norton, assistant secretary of the treasury, before a house committee yesterday, that there is at present no law by which a subordinate in any of the various sub-treasuries can be punished for making away with public funds. A man may loot the treasury as much as he likes, or can get away with, and no law exists by which he can be punished, said Mr. Norton. If two or more employees engage in an embezzlement, they may be punished for conspiracy, however.

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